REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is allowed. Claims 2 and 3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

<u>Drawings</u>

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It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2 and 3 to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 1 is allowed.

Since claims 2-3 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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